

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Gary MacLaren, on January 27, 2011 at 3:40 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

00:01:38

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gary MacLaren, Chair (R)
Rep. Michael (Mike) More, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Kris Hansen (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr. (R), Rep. James Knox (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 150, 1/20/2011; HB 231, 1/20/2011
Executive Action: HB 20

HEARING ON HB 150**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:38 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 150, Revise duties of fire district trustees and boards.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:31 Steve White

00:10:51 Richard Grady

EXHIBIT(loh21a01)

00:13:16 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:16:05 Leonard Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance

00:17:08 Jim Dusenberry, MT Fire Districts Association

00:19:38 Bob Drake, Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

00:21:05 Ross Johnson, Gallatin River Ranch Fire Department

EXHIBIT(loh21a02)**EXHIBIT(loh21a03)**

00:24:34 Sue Mergenthaler, Eastgate Volunteer Fire Department

00:25:39 Bernard Oglietti, Madison Valley Fire Department

00:26:27 Bruce Charles, Mineral County West End Volunteer Fire Department

00:27:26 Theodore Liss, Madison Valley Rural Fire Department

00:29:00 Rep. Rosendale joined meeting

00:31:34 Jason Revisky, Big Sky Fire Department

00:33:13 Tom Shindoll, Broadwater Fire District

00:34:08 Scott McClintic, Madison Valley Rural Fire Department

00:34:42 Gilbert Moore, Central Valley Fire Department

00:36:12 Nate Curtis, Vaughn Volunteer Fire Department

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:40 Rep. Barrett

00:37:31 Rep. Washburn

00:37:52 Rep. Barrett

00:38:10 Rep. Washburn

00:38:16 Rep. Vance

00:38:31 Rep. Washburn

00:38:50 Rep. O'Neil

00:39:29 Steve White

00:41:24 Rep. O'Neil

00:41:51 Jim Dusenberry

00:42:35 Rep. O'Neil

00:42:48 Jim Dusenberry

00:43:00 Rep. O'Neil

00:43:16 Jim Dusenberry

00:43:48 Rep. O'Neil
00:44:10 Gilbert Moore
00:44:34 Rep O'Neil
00:44:46 Gilbert Moore
00:45:10 Rep O'Neil
00:45:14 Gilbert Moore
00:45:49 Rep. O'Neil
00:46:06 Rep. Moore
00:46:27 Rep. Berry
00:47:31 Rep. Stahl
00:47:57 Steve White
00:49:08 Rep. Stahl
00:49:22 Steve White
00:49:37 Rep. Stahl
00:49:47 Steve White
00:51:21 Rep. Ingraham
00:53:03 Steve White
00:54:36 Rep. Ingraham
00:54:56 Steve White
00:56:33 Rep. Skees
00:56:54 Gilbert Moore
00:57:48 Rep. Skees
00:58:00 Gilbert Moore
00:58:44 Rep. Skees
00:59:12 Steve White

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:37 Rep. Washburn

HEARING ON HB 231

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:24 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 231, Repeal requirements for municipalities to hire career paid firefighters.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:11:08 Rep. Ron Eli, HD 88
01:14:11 Gilbert Moore
01:16:52 Bob Drake

Opponents' Testimony:

01:20:33 Joseph Sands, Montana State Council Professional Firefighters
01:23:37 Tod Miller, Montana State Council Professional Firefighters
01:25:25 Rick Ryan, Butte Fire Department
01:28:04 Paul Babb, Butte-Silver Bow
01:28:50 John Paull, Butte-Silver Bow
01:31:55 Matt Norby, Montana State Firemen's Association
01:34:40 Dan Cotrell, International Association of Firefighters # 521 (IAFF)
01:39:20 Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen Association
01:43:32 Doug Schwartz, International Association of Fire Fighters #547

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:51 Rep. Bangerter
01:46:10 Rep. Brodehl
01:46:35 Rep. Bangerter
01:46:42 Rep. Brodehl
01:47:10 Rep. Ingraham
01:47:58 Rep. Brodehl
01:48:53 Rep. Greef
01:49:35 Rick Ryan
01:50:03 Rep. Greef
01:50:51 Rick Ryan
01:52:07 Rep. Greef
01:52:27 Rick Ryan
01:53:31 Rep. Greef
01:54:06 Rick Ryan
01:55:25 Rep. Greef
01:56:18 Joe Sands
01:56:45 Rep. Malek
01:57:43 Rep. Brodehl
01:58:07 Rep. Skees for Rep. Knox
01:59:07 Joe Sands
01:59:41 Rep. Skees for Rep. Knox
02:00:01 Joe Sands
02:01:06 Rep. Ingraham
02:01:58 Rep. Brodehl

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:28 Rep. Brodehl

02:04:56 _____ **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 20**

02:06:08 Helena Thigpen

02:06:51 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 20 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:07:00 Rep. Berry
02:07:20 Helen Thigpen
02:07:42 Rep. Bangerter

02:08:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by those present and voting. Rep. Knox was excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:08:22

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT\(loh21a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh21a05\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(loh21aad.pdf\)](#)